

BLIND CRITICS.

The Virginia City, Nev., Enterprise tells Senator Stewart that in aiding to confirm Lamar he was not in accord with the Republican sentiment in that State.—Philadelphia Press.

And what the Enterprise says is true. There is not a Republican here who does not condemn the Senator for his whole course in the matter.—Enterprise.

The Enterprise is in error. Several Republican papers in this State have endorsed Stewart's policy in the Lamar matter, and the best informed politicians in the State, after making themselves thoroughly acquainted with the facts in the case, also indorse Stewart's course.

Stewart realized by the defeat of 1884 that the bloody shirt in politics was an element of danger to the Republican party. There was a time when it was a splendid battle flag. That time has passed. The party cannot continue to fight on so old and tattered an issue. The rank and file are wearied of the rustle of chestnut leaves. Stewart has cut the bloody shirt out of National politics, and the Protection issue comes grandly to the front. The South no longer wants its politics protected, but its growing manufactures. As long as you wave the battle flags of the civil war before their eyes, they will cling to the past; its old issues, its old feuds, its old votes and its old majorities.

This Fall the South will be fighting for a new issue—Protection to Southern manufactures, and Americans to rule America, and they will have to vote the Republican ticket to do it.

The attitude of some of Stewart's critics reminds us of an incident of the Republican State Convention held some years ago in Carson. Beatty, Taylor and Sabin were after the nomination of Supreme Judge. They balloted two days, and there was a dead lock. Varian was managing Beatty's fight.

After a noon recess they took seven ballots, and on the eighth Varian rose and cast six votes for Taylor that had been going for Beatty. A howl of disgust went up from Beatty's friends, and a man whose vote had been cast that way rose to protest. Varian grabbed him by the collar, remarking in a whisper:

"It's all right; sit down you d— fool."

Word went round that Varian had sold out. After the vote was counted it was found that Taylor lacked only one to win. There was a dead silence in the hall, and the Taylor men were jubilant. Another vote and Taylor still lacked one. The roll was called again, and Sabin's men went for Beatty in a body, and Varian pulled his six loose votes back into camp and won the fight for Beatty.

Then it got through: the slow wits of the crowd that Varian knew what he was about. Varian had a spy in the Sabin-Taylor caucus. It was agreed that if there was a dead lock on the eighth ballot Taylor's strength should go to Sabin and elect him. Varian threw six votes to the Taylor crowd, giving them the victory all but one vote. The Taylor men on the ballot broke faith with Sabin and did not go to him as agreed. This made the Sabin men wild, and they wrecked revenge by going in a body for Beatty. Varian had merely set a trap, and both sides fell in.

Stewart is setting a trap for the South, and he has baited it with his vote for Lamar. When the trap closes, the lunatics who are making an outcry against Stewart will be the first to shout: "We knew it all the while."

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